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WU-CHANG SHIPYARD

CHINA

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- 1- WU-CHANG SHIPYARD IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE CHANG CHIANG (YANGTZE RIVER) AT THE CONFLUENCE THE HSUN-SSU HO AND CHANG CHIANG. PRIOR TO THE END OF WORLD WAR II, THIS SHIPYARD SERVED AS A SMALL FISHING BOAT REPAIR FACILITY UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION FORCES. AFTER THE CHINESE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER, AN EXPANSION PROGRAM WAS UNDERTAKEN WHICH HAS RESULTED IN WU-CHANG BECOMING ONE OF CHINA'S LARGEST INLAND SHIPYARDS.
- 2- THE FIRST EXPANSION OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST NAVY SUBMARINE FLEET BEGAN IN 1954-1955, WITH THE TRANSFER OF 4 S-1 CLASS AND 3 M-V CLASS SUBMARINES FROM THE USSR. AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME THAT THIS TRANSFER TOOK PLACE, A LARGE SCALE BUILDING PROGRAM BEGAN WITH SOVIET ASSISTANCE. THIS BUILDING PROGRAM ACCOUNTED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 21 W-CLASS SUBMARINES, 15 OF WHICH WERE CONSTRUCTED AT THE KIANGNAN SHIPYARD IN SHANG-HAI AND THE OTHER 6 AT THE WU-CHANG SHIPYARD. THE WU-CHANG SHIPYARD BEGAN ASSEMBLY OF THE W-CLASS SUBMARINES IN LATE 1957 AND PRODUCED TWO HULLS ANNUALLY UNTIL THE PROGRAM TERMINATED IN 1960. ONLY 17 OF THE 21 SHIPS BECAME OPERATIONAL ON SCHEDULE IN 1960. THE LAST FOUR WERE IN THE ADVANCED STAGES OF FITTING OUT WHEN THE USSR WITHDREW HER TECHNICIANS AND MATERIAL AID IN LATE 1960. THESE FOUR

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SUBMARINES BECAME OPERATIONAL IN MID-1962.

3- PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY AT LEAST ONE [REDACTED]

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THREE [REDACTED] AND FOUR KH MISSIONS.

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4- SUBMARINES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED ON [REDACTED] WHICH

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REVEALED 2 W-CLASS AND [REDACTED] WHICH REVEALED ONE PROBABLE

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W-CLASS.

5- FURTHER ANALYSIS OF [REDACTED] REVEALED ONE PROBABLE W-CLASS

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SUBMARINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND ONE UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL (270 FT MAXIMUM LENGTH) UNDER CONSTRUCTION UNDER PORTABLE WEATHER SHEDS ON BUILDING WAYS. A PROBABLE W-CLASS SAIL (LOA APPROXIMATELY 35 FT AT DECKLINE) IS VISIBLE BETWEEN WEATHER SHEDS ON ONE OF THE TWO VESSELS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE BOW AND STERN OF BOTH VESSELS ARE HIDDEN BY WEATHER SHEDS, PRECLUDING A LENGTH OVERALL MEASUREMENT OF EITHER VESSEL. THE OVERALL LENGTH OF THE SHEDS OVER EACH WAY DOES NOT EXCEED APPROXIMATELY 270 FT. THREE T-43 CLASS MSF WERE ALSO OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

A BUILDING WAY (APPROXIMATELY 510 FT X 100 FT) WAS OBSERVED TO HAVE

BEEN COVERED SINCE [REDACTED]

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